

**The 21st European Regional IAAH Conference 2018**  
**SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME**  
October 4th

<b>SYMPOSIUM TITLE</b>	<b>School health and school health services</b>
<b>RATIONALE AND CONTENT</b>	<p>Globally, over 90% of children in the primary school age, and over 80% of children in the lower secondary school age are enrolled in school (UNICEF 2018). School years provide an important entry point to engage this age group with preventive interventions and embed healthy behaviours that will contribute to better health and development outcomes. Among several approaches, school health programmes that address key priorities in an integrated way have been recognized as a strategic vehicle to promote positive development and healthy behaviours such as physical activity, physical fitness, recreation and play, balanced nutrition, prevent tobacco use, and preventing being bullied.</p> <p>This symposium will review latest global and European updates on school health and school health services, will feature examples from countries in applying existing guidance in national contexts, and will provide a forum for exchanging experiences among participants in addressing common challenges and planning ways forward.</p>
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform participants about the latest global and regional developments related to school health and school health services, and feature key recommendations of the Global Accelerated Action for the Health of Adolescents (AA-HA!): guidance to support country implementation</li> <li>• Inform participants about the progress in countries in applying the European framework for quality standards in school health services and competences for school health professionals</li> <li>• Showcase national initiatives in advancing intersectoral action for school health and how educators, providers, professional associations, and civil society can collaborate better to make every school a health promoting school</li> <li>• Exchange country experiences in addressing specific challenges related to school-based and school-linked service provision</li> </ul>
<b>Lead facilitator:</b>	<p>Dr. Valentina Baltag, World Health Organization</p> <p>Dr. Valentina Baltag is responsible for Adolescent Health Policies, Planning and Programmes in the Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health in Headquarters of the World Health Organization.</p>
<b>Language</b>	English (with simultaneous translation in Russian & Romanian)
<b>Schedule</b>	14:30 – 16:30 Second day, October 4th